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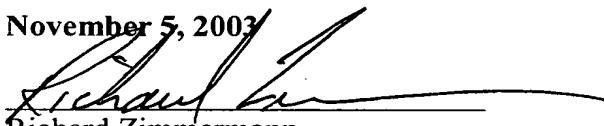
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d)

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to advance examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d). Specifically, applicant requests accelerated examination on the ground of **countering terrorism** (M.P.E.P. § 708.02 XI). The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) is submitted herewith, and a statement in support of the petition is provided below.

Statement in Support of Petition to Make Special

The invention of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application is related to counter-terrorism. The invention may be used in a system for detecting and identifying contraband, as well as airport and/or building security stations. Specifically, the invention is related to a device for use in a security screening station, such as an airport security screening station, to prescreen individuals for contraband, such as guns, knives, explosives, or the like, before proceeding to a primary screening device. Therefore, the device may significantly aid in the countering of terrorism.

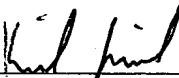
In view of the foregoing, accelerated examination of the application is respectfully requested. A fee in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h).

If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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